

Finding Title I Eligible Nonpublic Students

Public school districts have an obligation to locate all nonpublic students who reside in their sending area to determine eligibility for Title I services.

Public school districts can utilize the following tools to help in locating nonpublic students.

1. Transportation records
2. Aide-in-lieu
3. Survey letter sent to nonpublic schools in surrounding area

Determining income eligibility:

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/grants/entitlement/nclb/>

This link provides you with a sample of the survey letter and income eligibility guidelines necessary to determine a nonpublic student's income eligibility for Title I funding. Public school personnel must collect and maintain record of each nonpublic student's income eligibility forms.

If nonpublic schools do not return survey information public school officials should document all contact attempts (phone, email, letter etc.). If there is no response from a nonpublic school public school administrators can assume there are no eligible nonpublic students.

Once all income eligible nonpublic students have been identified the public school administrator must determine that the income eligible nonpublic students reside in a public school sending area that is Title I funded. If the income eligible nonpublic student does not reside in a public school sending area funded with Title I funds, the nonpublic student will not be eligible for Title I services. The public school district must notify the nonpublic school regarding the reasons why the student is not eligible.

Funding vs Services

Once the public school district has identified those nonpublic students income eligible for Title I funding, both public and nonpublic school administrators must determine which nonpublic students will receive Title I services.

The nonpublic students who receive Title I services may not be the same students who generated Title I funding for the nonpublic school. Nonpublic students who receive services must meet the same residency requirements (living in a public school sending area that receives Title I funding), but must also be at risk of academic failure.

The criteria for determining 'academic at risk' are established between the public and nonpublic school administrators during the consultation process.

The consultation process:

For a sample of a letter inviting nonpublic representatives to consult refer to the link below.

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/grants/entitlement/nclb/>